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Central Branch
May 22nd 1890

Lieut Col C C Boteyshell
Superintendent U S Mint

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work at nights and after going home was obliged to care for my Wife She being ill for years loosing My rest and over work brought on Typoid fever which I did not recover for for one year I was compelled to do work in the Cleaning Room between heats and the work was such that I was not able to do it on account of Injury received James Stewart would not allow me to do the work as I was not able to do it I consider that I was badly treated by webb forcing me to do work that I was incompasitated to do and for the Expents of My Illness I was obliged to lose time the night prior to My Wifes death I asked permition to go home as my wife was not Expected to live which he refused me when I insisted on seeing you he then granted me permition to go I would ask was this Christian treatment and to show you how I stood with My fellow workmen on the Death of My Wife they sent me 75 Dollars they knowing My circumstances but as much as I was in need of the

Money I could not Except it but returned
it to My Friends. I had lost My Property
after coming to the Mint by being so Kind
hearted in endorsing Notes for Friends. I
also had 3 Thousand Dollars Standing on My
Back which I could not Collect after I gave
up my business. I being short of funds I
borrowed 15 Dollars at an Exorbitant
Rate of Intrest Which I had paid 35
and Intrest 60 Dollars I got in on a
hole and it took all I could get to
gather to get out of it I still owed now
when Discharged which Mr Webb very
Kindly bumped up against me as
My Bottage I also paid 5 Hundred
Dollars out of My Earnings in the
Mint to liquidate My pressing
obligations which kept me poor with
My increased Expenses on account of Sickness
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west to show you that I am still a
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or they may be of use to me in future
and they being of no account to you
as you do not intend to do any thing
for me My friends are of the same
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may want a friend In prosperity we
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befriended us but such is life we do
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forth My best wishes

Yours
J. H Gorgas

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Col. J. A. Gorgas

Requests papers returned

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